

Open School certificate holders ineligible for admission in Higher classes.

Computer Education in Kendriya Vidyalayas

3100. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that computer education has been introduced recently in about 3000 Kendriya Vidyalayas;
- (b) if so, whether a computer-education-fee is being charged from students opting therefor;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that while this fee is being charged from students, not a single computer is available in schools for the preceding six months or more; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir. Computer Education has been introduced in 452 Vidyalayas only so far.

(b) and (c) The Computer Education fee @ Rs. 20 per month per student is charged.

(d) and (e) Computer fee is charged from the students only when the Computer Education is imparted.

Prayer in Colleges

3101. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that students do not start their daily classes in colleges with prayers, as they do in schools;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government propose to make prayers in colleges compulsory; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?